

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application

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Title: PREPARING A JOB FOR EXECUTION  
BY A BATCH JOB EXECUTION  
SYSTEM

PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Li B. Zhen

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2008, and is being filed concurrently with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

**Claims** appear in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks**, including a Summary of the Examiner Interview, begin on page 7 of this paper.